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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: FOLLOW-UP ON TALKS BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT
MONDALE AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER

1. THE VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AGREED TO
PROPOSE THAT CONTACT GROUP MEET WITH SAG AT CAPETOWN BEFORE
THE END OF THE MONTH TO HEAR SAG VIEWS AND DETAILS
ON PROPOSED INTERIM CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND TO SEE
IF IMPARTIAL, BROADLY BASED AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE
STRUCTURE CAN BE FOUND. SAG ALSO UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE VIEWS
ON POLITICAL PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY A PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION OF JURISTS TO SETTLE DISPUTES; AND TO DISCUSS
WITHDRAWAL. OTHER REMAINING ISSUES MIGHT ALSO BE DISCUSSED.
URGENCY OF MEETING RELATES TO SAG DESIRE TO ACT ON THE
INTERIM CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT BEFORE CURRENT
LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS AROUND JUNE 20.

2. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT CONTACT GROUP WILL BE IN
POSITION TO PASS CONSIDERED VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED AUTHORITY
PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN LEGISLATURE, GIVEN
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THE NEED TO CONSULT ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND TO COMPLETE
THE NAMIBIA PACKAGE. WE MAY THEREFORE WISH TO PROPOSE THAT
SAG SEEK VERY GENERAL AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION WITH DETAILS
LEFT TO STATE PRESIDENT. IN FACT, THIS PROCEDURE WAS
SUGGESTED AT INITIAL CAPETOWN TALKS AND INFORMALLY REITERATED
BY FOURIE IN VIENNA. IN ANY EVENT, CONTACT GROUP SHOULD
BE ABLE TO INDICATE WHETHER SAG PROPOSALS ARE WITHIN THE

BALLPARK.

3. SUGGEST THAT CONTACT GROUP MEET IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY MAY 26, AT WHICH TIME MCHENRY WILL PROVIDE BRIEFING ON THE VIENNA TALKS AS RELATES TO NAMIBIA. GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CAPETOWN MEETING AGENDA AND DATE. IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD THAT SAG PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOR NAMIBIA AND FOR SAG WITHDRAWAL WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE, MEMBERS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUGGESTIONS WHICH GROUP MIGHT ADVANCE ON THESE MATTERS. GROUP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WHEN TO INVOLVE THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN FOR UN INVOLVEMENT AND WHAT FORM THE LATTER MIGHT TAKE. DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN FOR UN INVOLVEMENT MAY BE MORE OR LESS ELABORATE DEPENDING ON NATURE OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT, RAPIDITY OF SAG WITHDRAWAL AND ACCEPTABILITY OF ENTIRE PROCESS TO THE VARIOUS PARTIES. FINALLY, GROUP SHOULD DISCUSS STAGES AND TIMETABLE FOR NAMIBIA BETWEEN PRESENT AND INDEPENDENCE. YORK

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